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From Acting President Jack

Since taking over the role of Acting President, I have endeavoured to carry on the wishes of our Past President, Sharon, who had set a high standard for this association. I would like to say a very big thanks to members of the committee for their support during this transition. This is especially so at present for the Acting Treasurer and Membership Secretary who have the task of dealing with the inflow of subscriptions, numbering approximately 2000.



At the time writing this report, the Shopping Guide (previously known as the Discount Book) has been updated and is now in the hands of the publishers. When using this book, it is important to adhere to the conditions of use to avoid any misunderstanding from the dealer. Finally, mainly for health reasons, I will no longer be a member of the Grey Power Wanganui Committee as from the AGM on 30 May. Over the years, I have worked with four Presidents and a fair number of committee members and I would now like to pass on my best wishes for the incoming committee and also to all members of Grey Power.
- Jack Ager

Enduring Power of Attorney

No apologies for again raising this matter. It is very important that you have one in place - particularly as revised forms are now available. It is not necessary to execute a fresh one. Talk to your family and peruse the MSD website for guidance.

Annual General Meeting

Thursday, 30 May
ST ANDREW'S CHURCH,
Glasgow Street,
commencing at 1.30pm

At the conclusion of formal business there will be an address by Mr Lew Findlay, GP Zone 4 Director, on the subject of Parenting, Grandparents. Donations of tinned food for the Foodbank will be appreciated as usual.

Your views please

This being the second newsletter in the new format we are trying out, there is bound to be a variety of views about it.

Please tell us what you think per email to graham.adams@xtra.co.nz

Membership renewals

A reminder that subscriptions for the 2019/20 year are now due. The rates are: \$20 single, \$30 double. Payment may be made by internet banking to: Account number 38-9006-0435305-02 being sure to show your membership number in the reference box or by cheque/cash to The Treasurer, Grey Power Wanganui, P O Box 4197. Please do not make payment direct to Kiwibank branches as identification problems invariably arise.

Changes at I.R.D.

With effect 1 April, 2019 Inland Revenue have gone "back to the future" and will now be assessing the income tax position for every taxpayer in New Zealand. This will be an automatic process for individuals whose income is from superannuation and interest on investments - you will not be required to do anything. They will contact you sometime from June onwards.



Inland Revenue
Te Tari Taake

Where applicable, refunds will be paid direct to nominated bank accounts. **Important:** You will need to check that your correct account number is loaded on IRD records. This is particularly important so if you have changed banks or your previous refunds were being paid to the account of whomever prepared your claims - such as firms set up to do the work for a percentage of the refund.

The Winter Energy Payment

The Winter Energy Payment is an extra payment to help with the cost of heating your home over the winter months.

It is paid from 1 May to 1 October which means if you are paid weekly, your first payment will be part payment in the week of 6 May. If you are paid fortnightly, your first payment will be a full payment on Tuesday, 14 May. You will automatically get the WEP if you are getting: NZ Superannuation or Veterans Pension. There are other categories which will not normally relate to Grey Power members.

The rates are: \$20.46 a week for single people and \$31.82 a week for couples. Couples are paid \$31.82 whether you live together or separately.

The WEP does not affect your

other payments from Work and Income; it is non-taxable and cannot be paid in a lump sum. It is paid to one person in the couple and cannot be split into separate accounts. It is paid into the bank account of the person in the couple who has the lowest client number which can be found on your SuperGold Card or letters from Work and income. If preferable, it can be switched by calling their Seniors Line on 0800 552 002.

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~ Nostalgia time ~

A smile or two for all of us who were born in the 1930's, 40's, 50's and 60's. We survived being born to mothers who smoked and/or took a glass or two of alcohol while they carried us and lived in houses with asbestos in them. Our cots were painted with brightly coloured lead-based paints. We had no child-proof lids on medicine bottles and when we rode our bikes we had no helmets or shoes. We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle and we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags. Sometimes we rode on the tray of a Ute! Takeaway food



was limited to fish and chips - no pizza shops, McDonalds, KFC or Subway and even though all the shops closed at five

or six o'clock and were not open on the weekends, somehow we didn't starve! We shared one soft drink with friends straight from the bottle and no one died from the practice! We could collect old drink bottles and cash them in at the corner store and buy sweets with the proceeds as well as 'crackers' to blow up frogs with! We ate copious biscuits, white bread and real butter and drank soft drinks with heaps of sugar in them but we didn't get fat because we were always outside play-

ing! We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth and there were no lawsuits from these accidents. No one was out looking for us all day and we were OK. Our bikes had back pedal brakes but only for as long as the chains stayed on! We would spend hours building our go-carts out of old prams or fruit boxes and then ride down the hill only to find out we hadn't thought of brakes! We had freedom, success and failure and responsibility and we learned how to deal with it all!

There were no mobile phones, computers, internet chat rooms, play stations or video games. We had friends and we went outside and found them. Mum didn't have to go to work to help Dad make ends meet. There were 'try-outs' for rugby, cricket and basketball and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn with the disappointment. Imagine that! Getting into the team was based on merit! The idea of a parent bailing us out if we got into trouble with the law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law as well as administering their own punishment! We are survivors! Congratulations!

Motel accommodation, Picton

Whenever you ever require quality motel accommodation in Picton I can thoroughly recommend *Jasmine Court Motel* where I recently had the pleasure of staying for two nights in the course of a Molesworth Station trip with Take it Easy Tours. It is situated within easy walking distance to shops and restaurants and the proprietors are a charming English couple who will offer a **10% discount** to Grey Power Members. Email: info@jasminecourt.co.nz and mention you are a Grey Power member when booking.

Have you any wool?



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